

The need for this action has generated support from both sides of the aisle, in Georgia, and both houses of Congress. I thank Kelly Jordan, chair of the Arabia Mountain Heritage Area Alliance, Mayor Marcia Glenn, of Lithonia, Vernon Jones, CEO of DeKalb County, Mark Towe and Glen Culpepper who all have provided strong support to this effort. I also extend my thanks to Congresswomen DENISE MAJETTE, for working so hard for this designation, as well as my friend and senior Senator from Georgia, ZELL MILLER, for supporting this designation.

Vernon Jones, CEO of DeKalb County says:

Nowhere in this great nation is a project more deserving of a National Heritage Area designation than this one. This began as a concept between conservationists, neighborhood activists, landowners and concerned citizens, and over the years has grown in scope to encompass some of the richest landscape Georgia has to offer. DeKalb County citizens voted to tax themselves to support this project. This local funding mechanism was absolutely critical to move this project forward. One visit to Arabia Mountain is all the proof anyone needs to demonstrate the great impact that may be achieved by diverse groups working together to preserve a truly significant natural heritage for future generations.

He is right. Let us act now to preserve this spot for succeeded generations and designate Arabia Mountain as a National Heritage Area.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

A TRIBUTE TO LIL GREENWOOD

• Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, today I recognize the life and career of one of Alabama's musical legends, the great jazz singer Lil Greenwood.

Lil Greenwood is a living legend. She was born on November 18, 1923, as the youngest daughter of the late Maggie and Reverend Sylvester George, Sr. It was at her father's side, at the age of 3, that she began to sing in the church that he served.

A native of Prichard, AL she grew up in Mobile County and graduated from Alabama State College. Her talents were evident to all those who knew her. In fact, it was the encouragement and support she received from the Mobile County Schools Music Supervisor that fanned the flame of ambition within her, and it was a generous gift of bus fare from a former principal that allowed her to head to Oakland, CA to follow her dream.

It was in California that Lil Greenwood was to be "discovered." During a performance at the famed Purple Onion in San Francisco, she was heard by no less than the legendary Duke Ellington. Needless to say, the Duke was suitably impressed. After hearing her sing, he commented that "the girl has a voice that's a mixture of Marian Anderson, Ella Fitzgerald, Dinah Washington, and Mahalia Jackson." These

women were the embodiments of jazz and blues singing, and it is inconceivable that a greater compliment could have been paid.

Recently, my home State of Alabama passed a proclamation honoring Ms. Greenwood for her personal and professional accomplishments. In honor of her upcoming 80th birthday, I would like to take this opportunity to read that proclamation into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

The Proclamation reads as follows:

Whereas, born Lillian George on November 18, 1923, a native of Prichard, Alabama in Mobile county and affectionately and professionally known as Lil Greenwood; and

Whereas, Lil received her grade-school education in Mobile County and graduated from Alabama state college; and

Whereas, she made her master-level vocal recording as early as 1950 and on such recording labels as Modern, Federal, Tangerine, and Columbia Records and also backed Ray Charles on Paramount Records; and

Whereas, Lil Greenwood was the featured vocalist with The Duke Ellington Orchestra and co-authored with Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn. She has performed in many places around the world, including the Far East and Europe. She has also performed at many famous spots statewide including, The Blue Note in Chicago, the Apollo in New York and in the San Francisco Bay-Area and Oakland; and

Whereas, she has appeared on numerous television shows including "The Tonight Show", with Johnny Carson, "Good Times," "The Jeffersons," "The Flip Wilson Show," and "Grady" and on stage she has portrayed major characters in such musicals as "Hello Dolly," "My People," "Buffalo Chips," "Wedding Band," "Back Alley Tales" and "Dark Symphony"; and

Whereas, Lil Greenwood returned home and remains an active and revered jazz singer in Alabama and has been inducted into the Gulf Coast Ethnic and Heritage Jazz Festival Hall of Fame;

Now, therefore, I, Bob Riley, Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby proclaim July 28, 2003, as Lil Greenwood Day in the State of Alabama and encourage the citizens of Alabama to show their support.

As is obvious by the proclamation issued by the Governor of Alabama, Lil Greenwood has lived a life where her gifts have brought and still continue to bring joy to a great many people. It is only appropriate that we take the occasion of her upcoming birthday to recognize her for her contributions.●

IN HONOR OF DENNIS MAXWELL'S 75TH BIRTHDAY

• Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, today, a constituent of mine, Dennis Maxwell, will turn 75, and I would like to take this occasion to wish him a happy birthday. Dennis was born in New York City, but moved to Connecticut when he was six and grew up in Fairfield County. Dennis's mother, Marguerite Maxwell, was an accomplished classical pianist who founded the Westport School of Music, which thrives to this day. Dennis attended Yale University and received a bachelor's degree in Business Administration in 1950.

Dennis married his childhood sweetheart, Robin Tucker, and the two of

them headed to Texas, where he served in the Army as an intelligence officer during the Korean War. He and his wife contributed four children to the baby boom generation and lived for a time in Michigan. The Maxwells moved (back) to Connecticut in 1966.

Dennis has had a successful business career, working for companies like Scovill Manufacturing, which was founded in Waterbury in 1802, and N.L. Industries. For the past several years, he has run his own water conditioning business.

Andre Maurois wrote, "Growing old is no more than a bad habit which a busy man has no time to form." If that's true, Dennis may be turning 75, but he's not growing old. In addition to running a company, he is an avid golfer and more important active in his community. At Christ & Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Westport, Dennis has been a vestry member, chaired the church's capital campaign, and served on several committees. When his beloved wife Robin became wheelchair-bound from emphysema, he raised the funds to put an elevator in the church. Sadly, she succumbed to the disease in 1997, after 46 years of marriage. In addition to his church-related duties, Dennis has served as president of the local Alcohol and Drug Dependency Council, and he has been on the board of Interfaith Housing, a not-for-profit ecumenical group that provides clothing and shelter for area homeless people.

Thoreau admonishes us to "Aim above morality. Be not simply good; be good for something." Over the course of his life, Dennis has been devoted to his family, his community, and his country. I think that counts as being "good for something," and I would like to join his children—Anne, Linda, Lisa, and Gray (who has worked here in the Senate for 19 years and is currently Senator LAUTENBERG's legislative director)—and their families and Dennis' many friends in wishing him a very happy 75th birthday.●

TRIBUTE TO JEAN SUTTON

• Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend, Jean Elizabeth Rodgers Sutton, of Linden, AL. Jean Sutton died on Tuesday, September 16, at the age of 62.

Jean was born in Jackson, MS, and attended Hinds Junior College in Raymond, MS. She received a Junior College Press Association Scholarship to continue her education at the University of Southern Mississippi.

It was at the University of Southern Mississippi that she met her husband, Goodloe Sutton, and they were married in 1964 after Jean had graduated and worked for a year as editor of the Tylertown Times in Tylertown, MS.

After moving to Linden, Jean worked as a reporter for the award-winning Democrat Reporter, the weekly newspaper owned by her husband. She also taught girls physical education and journalism at Linden High School.